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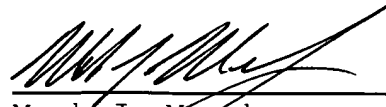
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<b>OTHER PRIOR ART - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages)						
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